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## FOREIGN MUSSIONARIE.

The Central Hopeh Branch of the Shansi-Chahar -Hopeh Border Area High Court handed down sentences on 15 July 1948 against four foreign missionaries and one Chinese priest of the Roman Catholic Mission at Esten-usion, Hosph.

The coreign missionswice, sentenced to deportation from China, were Shang Chien-china, 59, French, Associate Bishop of Heien-heien Mission; Plan Ja-lin, 35, French, Local priest of the Mission; Li Shih-t'ang, 42, Belgian, prizet and hospital physician; and Mm Ch'i-hma, 46. French, priest of the Mission. All these men are members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit). One Chinese, Chia Sim-shan, 32 priest, assistant to the Bishop, was sentenced to one year at hard labor and deprivation of his democratic citizenship for 2 years.

In addition to the above, similar charges were preferred against another group of missionaries and Chinose clarge who had escaped the jurisdiction of group or mesionaries and unimose a error was the second the surface of the court. They were in Ti-jen, 55, French, SJ, district priest of several hatens in the Heien-keien Mission area; Lies Ta-ern, SJ, 44, French vice-director of Heien-keien Society of Weste; Shen Tzu-t'ien, 44, priest of the Ho-chien Heien area; Th Anato, 45, French, priest of the Ho-chien Paden area; Wh Head-ch'ih, 42, Thimose, native of Ho-chien Heien, priest-bishop.

Charges preferred against the missionaries were; (1) operating wireless transmitters to send intelligence information to RMT and US military enthorities regarding military and political dispositions and movements in liberated territory; (2) associating with EMF and US military authorities in Pei-p'ing and Trien-ching (Tienteir) and being in their employ as intelligence agents; (3) inciting EMF military forces to attack liberated areas; (4) recolving can remarkation and effections from the US and EMF military authorities for their intelligence information; and (5) preparation and transmission by measurement of military records on all phases of conditions transmission by messenger of voluminous reports on all phases of conditions in the liberated aress.

The Chinese, in safition to being associated in the above charges, were also accreed of being spins and of interfering with CCF recruiting

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The court introduced as evidence, confessions, captured written intelligence reports, and radio transmitting and receiving equipment.

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